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SUBJECT: TRAN VAN LAM'S VIEWS ON MILITARY SUPPLEMENTAL

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

PASS ALSO TO HABIB

WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO REPORTS THAT TRAN VAN LAM IS RETURN-
ING TO SAIGON EXTREMELY DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF
THE CONGRESS APPROVING THE 300 MILLION DOLLARS MILITARY
AID SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCE
WHO TALKED WITH LAM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE REPORTS HIS COMMENT
THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IT FORMULATE
ITS PLANS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SUPPLEMENTAL WILL NOT BE
PROVIDED. SENIOR RVN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TELLS US THAT
EMBASSY STAFF HELD POST-MORTEM TO ASSESS PROSPECTS FOR
SUPPLEMENTAL IN VIEW OF THE MANY CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS
MADE IN CONNECTION WITH LAM VISIT. CONSENSUS WAS THAT
CHANCES WERE NIL FOR APPROPRIATION OF ENTIRE 300 MILLION
DOLLARS, AND VERY SLIM EVEN FOR "TOKEN" APPROPRIATION. KISSINGER
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